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WHOLE NO. 703

Salinas Labor Council Forms New BT Group

In hope of creating more harmony between building crafts in the Salinas area, the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas has created a special "Building Trades Committee" to handle construction industry problems, Secretary A. J. Clark announced last Friday.

Clark said the new group would hold its meetings at 7 p.m. on the first and third Fridays, just prior to regular council meetings. Purpose of the group, Clark added, is to serve as a building trades "arm of the council" and in no way to try to usurp jurisdiction of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, which is located at Monterey.

Members of the Building Trades Committee include John F. Mattos, of Laborers 272; Dial H. Miles, of Electrical Workers 243; Peter Greco, of Painters Union 1104, and Harvey Baldwin, of Salinas Carpenters 925. Roofers Union 50 has not named its member to the committee.

Affiliation of Monterey Bay Area Pressmen & Assistants Union 828 was accepted by the Salinas council at the March 7 meeting. Conrad J. Oullette and Charles C. Cotes were named as delegates from the pressmen's union.

Council President R. A. Wood reported that the new Monterey County Industrial Development Committee has had many inquiries already as to possible industrial sites in the county, particularly near Moss Landing.

Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 withdrew request for strike sanction against Pete's Diner and Ray's White Hut, both controversies having been settled.

Re-activity of the LLPE program was delayed until after primary elections. Donation of \$10 was made to the Alisal Milk Fund. Reuben Anderson was accepted as new delegate from Butchers Union 506.

Carpenters 925 Outlook Better, Baldwin Reports

For the first time in several months, the employment outlook of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 is fairly bright, according to Business Agent Harvey Baldwin.

If expected small jobs materialize, Baldwin said, the union may be nearly free of unemployment in a short time. He said no large projects were expected, but that contractors were planning to try to catch up on a backlog of work as soon as weather permits.

Baldwin added that the new plan for revising the out-of-work list each Monday morning, by having all idle members appear at the office and sign the job register, was working well and seemed popular with the membership.

Local 925 had a routine meeting last week, highlights being report on the State Council of Carpenters convention in Hollywood, attended by Baldwin and Ivan Miller.

Last day to register for the Primary—April 10!



SENATOR CANDIDATE—Clinton D. McKinnon, pro-labor Congressman from San Diego, has announced his candidacy for U. S. Senator from California. He is 46, married, and has three children.

MONTEREY CLC JOINS FIGHT ON TAX PROPOSAL

The so-called "millionaire's income tax amendment" has drawn the united opposition of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, according to Council Secretary Royal E. Hallmark.

Motion to oppose the amendment and notify all state legislators of the council's position was adopted unanimously at the council's regular meeting last week.

Business at the council meeting was generally routine, Hallmark said. Visiting was Robert J. Lovejoy, of Pressmen's Union 828. Union reports included:

Carpenters 1323—David Gill, Pacific Grove attorney and candidate for supervisor, was speaker at a union meeting.

Teamsters 890—Will Hays, candidate for Congress from this district, was speaker at the last meeting in Monterey.

MILL WORKERS WIN INCREASE AT MONTEREY

Lumber dealers and mill owners in the Monterey area, under contract with Carpenters Union 1323, have agreed to a 9-cent hourly wage increase, effective March 15.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Local 1323, said the increase of 5 per cent will boost the hourly pay for mill workers to \$2.27½.

Agreement on the increase was negotiated by Local 1323 and the California Association of Employers, which was represented by Robert W. Norton, of Watsonville, Eide added.

Mont. Plumbers Select Grisin CPTC Delegate

Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey has elected its business agent, John Grisin, as delegate to the 32nd annual convention of the California Pipe Trades Council, this year in Oakland, April 18-20.

Grisin announced also that work for plumbers and fitters in the Monterey area has been held up because of adverse weather conditions, but said that there will be plenty of work coming up in a few weeks.

Local 62 now has its office and headquarters in Monterey Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., in New Monterey.

S. Cruz Plans Labor Day Fete For All District

Plans for extension of the annual Labor Day celebration at Santa Cruz this year into a general observance to which union people of the entire area, including all of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara counties, were outlined last week by Paul Burnett, general chairman.

Burnett, who is president of Santa Cruz County Building Trades Council, suggested that union people talk up the combined celebration plan now and be ready for joining the event when time comes. His statement included:

"Something to think about—YOU and your union should be a part of Labor's big get-together at the big annual barbecue Labor Day celebration in Santa Cruz this year. Make a date for sure!

"We will arrange an educational program, along political and economic lines, for this election year—a program that will be of constructive benefit to Labor and the people as a whole. Also, there will be a good time for everybody, including the kids.

"You are asked to keep this date in mind, and be sure to help make this celebration outstanding and most worthwhile. A little preliminary forethought along these lines will make it a master Labor Day celebration.

"Let's arrange our schedule now to put on this program for the whole Monterey Bay Area and our portion of Central California. Talk it over among yourselves and at union meetings, now, and be ready to do something about it at the right time. Remember—Labor only prospers according to the effort it puts into its affairs."

Painters 272 Get Pay Boost In WSB Ruling

The Wage Stabilization Board's ruling last week that wages of construction workers may be increased by 15 cents per hour applies automatically to members of Monterey Painters Union 272, Business Manager Fred Ask said last week.

Contract between the union and the Monterey Painting Contractors Assn. provides that any increase allowed by the WSB shall automatically become part of the contract, Ask explained.

Memorandum of agreement to the increase, effective on April 1, has been signed already by J. H. Harrington, secretary of Local 272, and George Allshouse, association secretary, Ask added.

Work for painters in the Monterey area has fallen off because of adverse weather, the union official said. Linoleum and tile workers of the union have been called to the southern part of the county for a big job at Camp Roberts, in jurisdiction of Salinas Local 1104, he added. Contractor is the J. C. Cummings Company.

COAL

Only a few types of mechanical cutter-loaders are suitable for use in Britain's deep, narrow-veined mines.

Take-Home Drops Below Pre-Korea— Improve Controls: Materials, Wages, Prices, Rent, Etc.

AFL President William Green called upon Congress to enact stronger price controls as part of a comprehensive anti-inflation program. Unless Congress takes such action, Green warned the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, labor may be forced to reconsider its support of wage stabilization.

The AFL chief testified that take-home pay today, after taxes, is less than it was before the Korean invasion. Sharp increases in the cost of living have slashed another 15 per cent or more from the purchasing power of the earnings of American workers, he emphasized.

"Workers are making a real sacrifice," he said. "It is not too much to ask that other segments of our economy make an equal sacrifice."

The AFL would be the last to favor continued price controls if there were no real inflation emergency, Green told the lawmakers, because no organization in this nation "is more devoted to the principles of our competitive free enterprise economy."

HEIGHT OF FOLLY TO RELAX

But we are fighting an active war in Korea, he said, and even if a truce is negotiated, the life and death struggle between American democracy and Communist aggression is certain to go on.

"Under these circumstances it would be the height of folly for America to relax its guard. We must strengthen our defenses and those of the free world not merely in a military way, but economically as well," Green warned.

Specifically, the AFL president called for:

1. Repeal of the Copehart Amendment to the Defense Production Act which is costing U. S. consumers \$750 million a year and may go up to a billion.

2. Repeal of the Herlong Amendment, "which gives retailers and wholesalers unjustifiable preferences" in price markups and thus forces higher prices.

3. Repeal of the Butler-Hope Amendment which prevents the Office of Price Stabilization from enforcing slaughter quotas to stiffen meat price controls.

URGES STRONGER OPS

4. Stronger authority to OPS to keep food prices from climbing higher due to subsidies to farmers.

5. Enactment of quality controls to protect the American people from being cheated by paying top prices for inferior brands and substitutes.

6. Rejection of pressure for an organized system of decontrols, especially since wage controls are maintained even in industries not subject to price control.

7. Stronger rent controls. Local bodies should not have authority to remove rent controls in areas certified as critical by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Defense Mobilization.

8. Appropriation of adequate funds for the Wage Stabilization Board, to speed up determination of disputes, of which there is a large backlog.

9. A better system of material

allocations. Whole industries, like building construction, have been starved. A civilian board should be named to screen defense requirements and eliminate superfluous requests. Controls should be ended as soon as adequate supplies are assured.

10. Rejection of proposals to give the President authority to curb housing credit terms. If down payments are further increased, it will be impossible for low-income families to buy homes.

Carpenters Seek 15c Pay Boost; Negotiations On

The negotiating committee for Carpenters' unions in 42 northern California counties is seeking to gain the 15c per hour wage increase approved under a recent Wage Stabilization Board ruling.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, is representing the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters in the negotiations for a new contract with the Associated General Contractors.

Eide said the negotiators met last week to discuss union demands and agreed to meet again in the AGC offices in San Francisco on April 3. He said the WSB-approved increase will be sought as soon as possible.

Leo Thiltgen, secretary of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, was chairman of the "Committee on Thanks" at the recent state Carpenters' convention in Los Angeles, creating the resolutions which thanked the host Los Angeles District Council for its favors, dinner party and convention arrangements.

Returning delegates reported an excellent convention but said the southern California weather was "very bad." Upon their return, they learned the weather had been "very bad" here too!

Kansas Visitors For Mary Roberts

Office Manager Mary Roberts, for Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, had visitors at her new home last week. Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Morley, of Wichita, Kans., were house guests. Mrs. Morley is Mrs. Roberts' niece. Morley is staff sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps and has just returned from Korea. Mrs. Roberts' husband, Scotty, is an official of Butchers Union 506.

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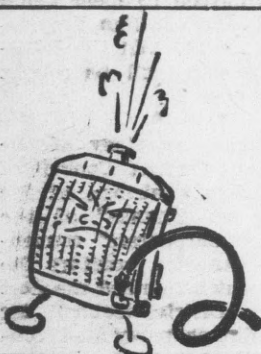
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DOCTORS' PROFITS ARE MAIN ISSUE

New York (LPA)—The medical lobby, which fights compulsory health insurance as "socialism" and preaches that "the voluntary way is the American way," is not concerned with the public health and welfare but with money, according to Dr. George Baehr.

Dr. Baehr, president of the Hospital Insurance Plan of Greater New York, in a letter to the N. Y. Times, replied to an attack on HIP by the N. Y. Medical Society. Under HIP, every employee of New York City gets complete medical care, paid for by the city. The plan is now open to any group of workers.

The medics denounced the plan as "monopolistic" and declared each individual employee should have "free choice" among various insurance plans. Aside from the fact that group plans are better and cheaper than individual plans, the doctors ignored the fact that the service benefits available under other non-profit plans are so limited in scope that they do not compare with HIP, Dr. Baehr pointed out.

But the real gripe of the medics, he said, is against pre-paid group practice such as HIP because it offers serious competition to the solo practice of medicine on a fee-for-service basis. He declared that the monopoly cry is a smokescreen employed because the medical lobby "dare not reveal the real issue."

A plan like HIP, he pointed out, offers comprehensive medical care for wage-earners and their families without any additional professional charges that may be a financial barrier to preventive services and early diagnosis and treatment. Under pre-paid practice, a group of physicians is paid a stated sum per year for each insured person, whether he is ill or well. And that is what the Medical Society really is opposing.

Vicious Public Power Fight

Chicago (LPA)—The private power industry is using "one of the most vicious propaganda bargains in history" in its fight on the federal power program, according to President Truman.

In a message to the convention here of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn., the President called the magazine and newspaper advertising campaign "cynical and dangerous" in hiding the truth. The industry's main purpose, he said, is to restore "the unlimited right of private monopoly to exploit this nation's water power resources. We have to fight it every step of the way, just as we have had to fight for every gain made for the public interest in the last 20 years."

The nation's resources belong to all the people, the President said, and electric power produced with public funds ought to be used for the benefit of all and not of the private power companies.

Declaring the nation has made tremendous strides under the public power program since 1933, he pointed out that the private power industry has grown much larger under the impetus of the federal program.

Truman's message was read by Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, who has often declared that the power fight "is one of the great issues of our time."

Noted Health Authority Indicted in Chicago Horse Meat Scandal

Chicago (LPA)—Dr. Harman N. Bundesen, nationally-known health authority, was indicted March 11 by a Cook County grand jury on charges of failing to use his position as head of the city's Board of Health to stop the sale of horse meat as beef or pork.

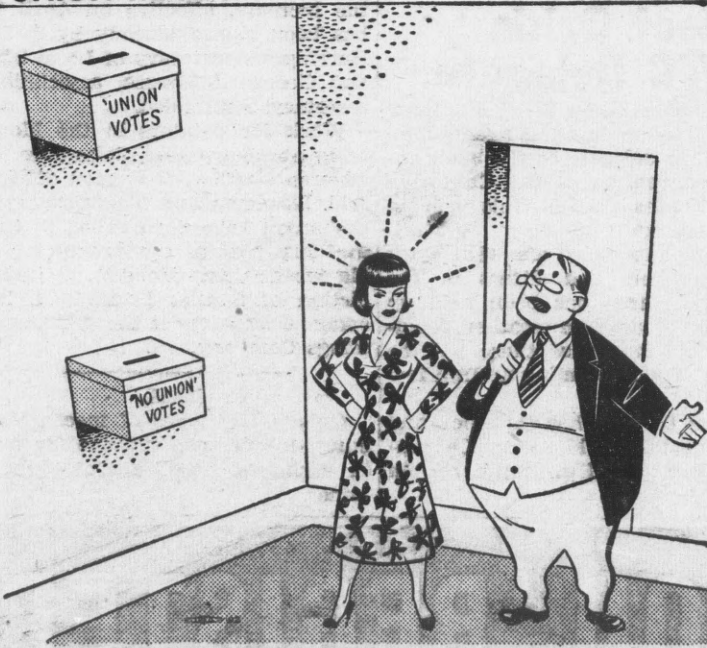
Bundesen was also charged with misconduct in office. One of his duties is to enforce city ordinances prohibiting the sale of unlabeled horse meat for human consumption. His bond was set at \$5,000. The grand jury's investigation revealed instances in which unlabeled horse meat was sold to the public through the connivance of city health inspectors.

Education Strictly Business Job, Peoria Unions Told

Peoria, Ill. (LPA)—Each year here on "Institute Day" the school kids get the day off, and the city's teachers are taken in small groups for tours of local industries. This year the Peoria Trades and Labor Assembly asked to take part, and was ready to care for up to 50 teachers. The Assembly was turned down cold.

Earl Downing, superintendent of schools, said he had nothing to do with the program, and that it was run by the Association of Commerce. The Association said that so many other groups wanted to get in on the program that it was impossible to let anyone but the Commerce outfit run the affair.

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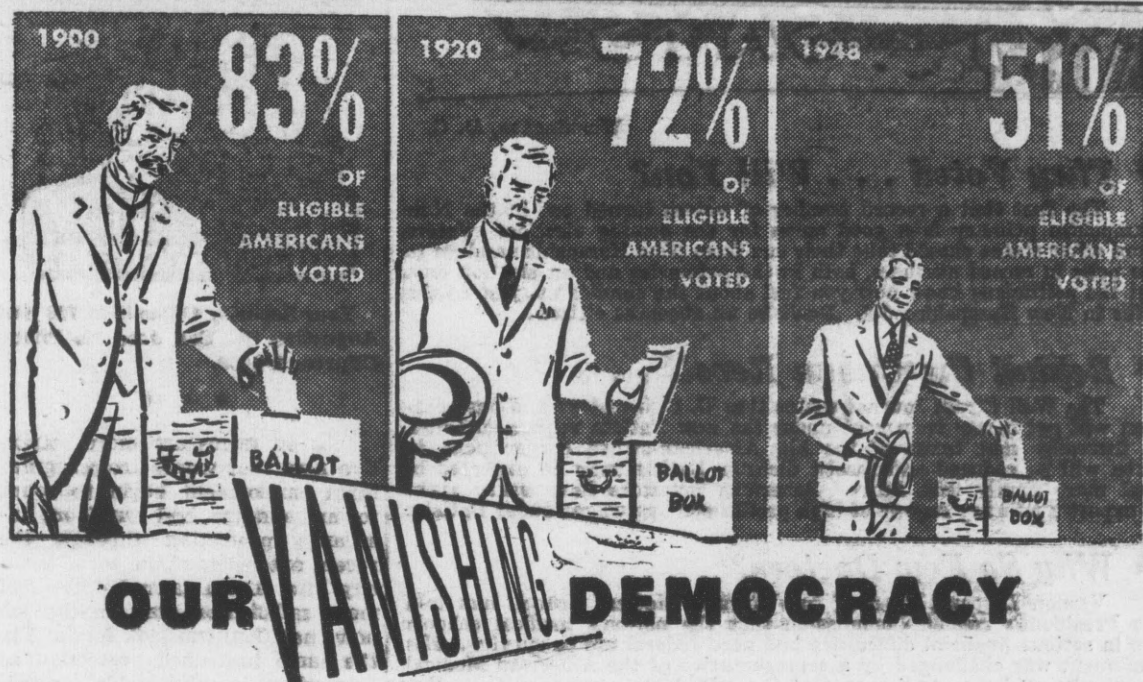
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Making Ends Meet Testing of Food Chemicals Urged by Rep. Delaney

Rep. James J. Delaney (D., N.Y.), who has been heading a Congressional investigation of harmful chemicals in foods, recommends a law to stop the sale of foods containing poorly tested chemicals.

Delaney's committee has just completed an 18-month inquiry into hundreds of new chemicals used in food products.

The Food and Drug Administration testified that it was not satisfied about the safety of 278 of the 704 chemicals now being used in the food industry. The FDA asked that it be authorized to test chemicals used in foods and cosmetics before the products are sold commercially. This agency already has such power over chemicals in drugs.

Delaney has said that "something along the lines" requested by the FDA should be enacted into law, and "reasonable testing should be required." He will pass this recommendation on to a regular standing committee of the House of Representatives for action.

FOOD BUYS

Eggs and citrus fruits are still good buys in most markets and are expected to continue to be in good supply and reasonably priced into April.

Citrus fruits in all forms, including fresh oranges and grapefruit and canned and frozen orange and grapefruit juice, are featured in many stores throughout the country. Egg supplies, which have been particularly good in recent weeks, are expected to improve in April.

You will also find plenty of young chickens (broilers and fryers), frozen fish, cottage cheese, dates and prunes, peanut butter, lard, vegetable shortening, and salad oil.

Among vegetables, cabbage, carrots, celery, and escarole are good buys in many localities.

MARGARINE

New York is the latest state to permit manufacture and sale of yellow oleomargarine.

Most of the margarine sold on the market has as much nutritional value as butter and contains 15,000 units of vitamin A. Because consumers find margarine both tasty and inexpensive, as compared with butter, margarine consumption has risen from three pounds for each person in the U. S. in 1935 to more than six and one-half pounds in 1951, while butter has dropped from 17 to 10 pounds per person during the same time.

FOOD HINTS

When you are buying grapefruit, choose those that are firm, well-shaped, fairly smooth as to skin texture, and heavy for their

size. A reddish-brown or reddish-yellow color over the normal yellow of the skin will not affect the flavor.

Opened jars of salad dressing should be kept in the refrigerator to preserve the flavor.

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Textron Sales Up Only 12% But Profits Leap 51%

New York (LPA)—On an increase in sales of 12 per cent, Textron, Inc. racked up a profit increase of 51 per cent in 1951 over 1950, Pres. Royal Little reported March 11. He told stockholders he expected an upturn "when over-liquidation of inventories will again create shortages." Profits jumped from \$3,141,658 to \$4,746,156.

Little reported purchase of three small plants—at Garnerville, N. Y., Vass, N. C., and Honea Path, S. C.—and said a large new mill at Williamston, S. C. will be ready before year's end. He also announced formation of an industrial building department to sell or rent the plants it has closed. "In this way," declared Little, "Textron can make a significant contribution to the communities in which these idle plants are located."

Meanwhile, the Wanskuck Co., operating three mills employing 2,000, and Oakland Worsted, with two mills employing 500, renewed their current contract with the CIO Textile Workers. Both are in Providence, R. I. Three other New England mills renewed last week. Negotiations with American Woolen were moved from New York to Boston.

WOOLEN GOODS COMPANY SIGNS PACT WITH AFL UNION

Boston.—American Woolen Co. and the AFL United Textile Workers of America have agreed to a new one-year contract, covering 1,150 workers at two of the company's three AFL-organized plants in New England.

The pact carries a new workload agreement which American Woolen said "should do much to reduce unit costs."

A joint union-management announcement said the contract covers 750 employees at the National and Providence mills, Providence, R. I., and 400 at the Vassalboro mills, North Vassalboro, Me.

Big Boys Hog Tax Benefits

Washington (LPA)—Although the Defense Production Administration "gives special consideration," it says, to small firms seeking fast tax write-offs, big corporations continue to hog the benefits. About four-fifths of the nearly \$15 billion in approved "certificates of necessity" went to seven heavy industries, where "the opportunities for small business concerns are rather limited."

That was admitted by James F. King, DPA chief of resources expansion, in testimony before a House Small Business Committee. He listed the top recipients as steel, petroleum, aluminum, chemicals, pulp and paper, electric power and transportation.

The remaining fifth, covering 60 per cent of certificates issued, included grants to machine shops, foundries, scrap metal producers and similar classifications where small business flourishes, he said.

A quarter of the amount of quick amortization went to expansion of the iron and steel industry, including coal, coke and iron ore, with 120 steel firms alone granted 542 certificates for investments of \$2,810,000,000. These cover blast furnaces, open hearth and electric furnaces, rolling mills and other production facilities.

Although a third of the applications remain to be processed, action has been completed on those for expansion of steel ingot and primary aluminum production, King said.

AFL Union Attacks Civil Service Head For 'Scare Tactics'

Washington (LPA)—The use of "alarmist tactics" to whip up opposition to increased pensions for 190,000 retired Government workers was charged to Civil Service Chairman Robert Ramspeck by the Government Employees Council, AFL.

Ramspeck had claimed approval of the plan by Congress could lead to destruction of the retirement system. The council, which represents 600,000 federal employees, called his statement "absurd" and said the fund was in better shape than it ever had been.

It accused Ramspeck of "unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of employee organizations and one which would not be sanctioned under the National Labor Relations Board if taken by a private employer."

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The Great Victory

The idea that every white-collar worker should keep his mouth shut and be content with low pay has been defeated.

It was defeated by the 10,000 members of the AFL Insurance Agents International Union who struck the Prudential Co. for 81 days.

The agents not only won a pay increase and company agreement to arbitrate grievances. They also sounded a warning to the anti-labor crowd who counts on white-collar workers and the so-called middle class to fight social security, minimum wages, and fair labor laws.

They served notice that white-collar men can stick together in a tough fight.

That holds tremendous meaning for the future—regarding both bread-and-butter issues and political activity.

Big Lobby Spenders

The amount of money which big business lobbies spend to influence legislation demonstrates the obstacles trade unions face in getting Congress to pass laws in the interests of all the people.

Figures filed with the Clerk of the House show that during the last 3 years, the Committee for Constitutional Government, run by a man imprisoned for helping the Kaiser in World War I, spent more than \$2 million in lobbying against fair labor laws and everything that spells progress. Right now it is busy trying to put over a Constitutional amendment to help rich people and big corporations by limiting taxes to 25 per cent of income.

The National Association of Manufacturers does not consider itself covered by the Lobby Registration Act, so files no report.

The American Medical Association, in its fight against national health insurance, spent \$2,396,000. The National Association of Electric Companies spent \$1,204,000.

Another heavy spender was the National Association of Real Estate Boards which used \$371,000 in battling rent controls and housing that defense workers can afford. Still another was the Association of American Railroads, which tries to block fair labor laws, and spent \$702,000.

The National Tax Equality Association spent \$793,000 trying to put over an income tax on cooperatives.

Contrast the total of those sums with the \$294,000 which the American Federation of Labor spent in the interests of working people and others who cannot afford fancy-spending, high-pressure lobbies.

Profitless Prosperity

You have heard corporation bosses wail about profitless prosperity. Here is an example of profitless prosperity.

Floyd Odlum, Wall Street financier, has issued the annual report of his investment trust, the Atlas Corporation. Last year, the Atlas Corporation paid \$278,000 in federal income and city excise taxes. Dividends paid to stockholders amounted to \$2,936,457.

In his report, Odlum says, "Taxes that are so graduated, first on the corporate income and again when it is received by the stockholder, as to leave practically nothing as return on investment and compensation for risks, get us very close to a profitless economy."

In other words, when taxes are \$278,000 and profits paid out in dividends are \$2,936,457, that's just about profitless economy.

Voice of the Voter

Approval of the President's plan to place Internal Revenue collectors under Civil Service shows that the Dixiecrat-reactionary Republican bloc in the Senate can be beaten when the voters are aroused.

People back home let their Congressmen know that they are disturbed over charges of corruption in the Internal Revenue Bureau. But when President Truman's plan to clean it up by removing collectors from political patronage reached the Senate, a hard core of Dixiecrats and the GOP Old Guard rebelled. The boys didn't want to lose their power to confirm or turn down appointment of the collectors.

They didn't care that the Hoover Commission on Government Reorganization had recommended the plan. They didn't care that every case of malpractice in the Internal Revenue Bureau has been traced to political appointment.



Washington, D. C.

They Voted . . . Will You?

The fact that a record number of voters turned out in the New Hampshire primary is a good omen for the coming election. Voters from other states should take their cue from New Hampshire and go to the polls in record numbers, both in the primaries and on election day. Let the politicians know how you feel about the candidates, just as the folks in New Hampshire did. Don't be an absentee citizen.

Behind the Cuban Revolt . . .

The Wall Street Journal writes that U. S. investors and businessmen will get better treatment under the new Batista regime in Cuba. It forecasts that taxes of the big American-owned corporations in Cuba will be reduced and fascist dictator Batista may be expected to deal more firmly with labor. American investors have every right to expect a military regime of high profits and low wages under Batista.

Why So Few Doctors?

Vernon Lippard, dean of the Virginia Medical School, has told the President's Health Commission that the nation's medical schools are in serious financial difficulties and need federal aid to survive. His statement was challenged by a representative of the American Medical Assn. who said the predicament of the schools was exaggerated. But the AMA statement does not hold up. 68 out of 79 medical schools reported that they needed federal aid in order to continue.

How to Find Out:

Want to know why you are paying part of someone else's taxes? Write to Sen. Hubert M. Humphrey, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Ask for the free booklet on tax loopholes.

JOKES, Etc.

First Convict: "I've been behind bars for 20 years now."

Second Jailbird: "Now wait a minute! Just yesterday you were telling me you had been here only five years!"

First Convict: "Yes, but for 15 years before that I worked in a bank."

It's the automobile that has split the American people into classes—the quick and the dead.

A small child was explaining to her younger brother that it was wrong to work on Sunday.

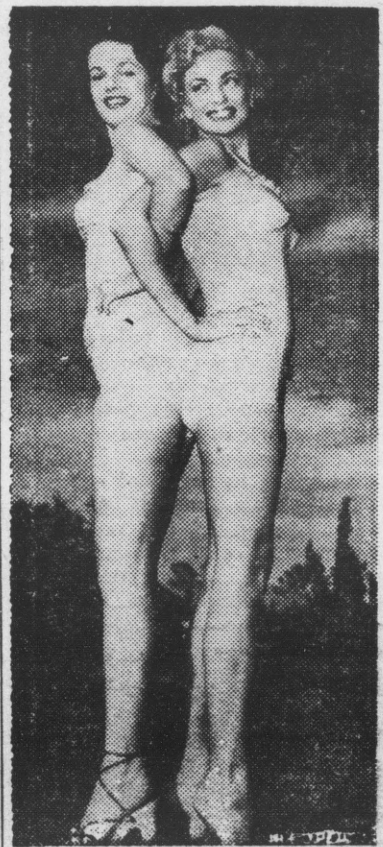
"But what about policemen?" asked the boy. "They have to work on Sunday. Don't they go to heaven?"

"Of course not," replied sister. "They're not needed there."

A painter who lived in Great Britain, Interrupted two girls at their knittin.

He said, with a sigh, "That park bench, well, I just painted right where you are sittin."

Harry: "Is the boss a clever man, really?"



TWIN CHEESECAKE.—Toni Carroll and Pat Lewis put on this Siamese twin act during a winter vacation in Las Vegas. (Nevada publicity.)

Larry: "You bet he is. He can draw all sorts of confusion from a few facts."

Mabel: "Ain't the radio a wonderful thing, though?"

Myrtle: "Yeah, it sure is. It even learns ya how to pronounce words."

Wifey: "Oh, Bill, baby can walk!"

Hubby: "That's fine. Now he can walk up and down at night by himself."

The most popular labor-saving device for women is still a husband with money.

A man had been talking for hours about himself and his achievements. "I'm a self-made man, that's what I am—a self-made man," he declared.

"You knocked off work too soon," came a quiet voice from the corner.

Paris stylists have introduced the poodle hairdo—no doubt reflecting the widespread notion that the world is going to the dogs.

In these days of uncertainty, the only thing you can count on is your fingers.

Being a husband is like any other job—it makes it a lot easier if you learn to like your boss.

Boulderby: "Look at me! I am a self-made man!"

Gradgrind: "That is the trouble with this cheap labor."

After Sunday morning service a woman stayed to chat with a friend, leaving her purse on the seat. When she returned it was gone, but she quickly found it in the possession of the pastor himself.

"I thought I had better hold it," he explained. "You must remember that there are some in the congregation so simple that they might consider it an answer to a prayer."

The big game hunter was showing his trophies to a guest. He pointed proudly to the wonderful collection of heads around the wall and the tiger skins on the floor.

"Very interesting," muttered the guest, peering at them through his spectacles. "Perhaps you'll drop in some evening and see my butterflies."

Lem Turner says those low cut gowns must be a sign of intelligence—all those girls on the quiz programs wear 'em.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

Jobs on farms are more attractive now that wages from regular farm employment begin to count toward old-age and survivors insurance protection through the recent extension of the social security law. Local farm helpers feel more satisfied to stay on the job now that they can look forward to the same insurance protection as do workers in other fields—protection against loss of income if retired after age 65 and loss of family income if a worker dies at any age. The amount of this insurance protection for a family ranges from \$20 to \$150 a month, depending on the worker's earnings and the number of dependents in his family.

Farm worker coverage under the social security law is compulsory for those regularly employed by one employer. At the close of each calendar three-month period, farm operators must report the wages of workers meeting the employment test for regularity. Generally speaking, a regularly employed farm worker is one who has worked for one employer a full calendar quarter and continues working for the same farmer at least 60 days in succeeding calendar quarters. Farm workers not meeting this test do not have their wages reported for social security purposes. Farm operators obtain report forms by registering with the local Collector of Internal Revenue. After initial registration the report forms are sent automatically to the farmer at the close of each calendar three-month period.

Regular farm workers as well as all others in the social security program may check to see if their wages are reported correctly by their employers through use of a simple "wage statement request" card available at any social security office. If reported wages are found to be incorrect, the necessary action for correcting the account will be taken. Wage posting in a social security account is the basis of future insurance payment.

The address of your local social security office is shown at the head of this column. Feel free to contact this office at any time for more information concerning social security.

Rank and File Participation Gets Loyalty to Union

St. Louis (LPA)—The more rank and file participation in union affairs, the more the members are loyal to their union, according to a study by Teamsters Local 688, largest local union in Missouri.

The study was directed by Arnold M. Rose, member of the sociology staff of the University of Minnesota, who has given the results in a book, "Union Solidarity: The Internal Cohesion of a Labor Union." Publisher is the University of Minnesota Press.

Backed by the union and Harold J. Gibbons, the local's secretary-treasurer, the study sought answers to questions such as: how union leaders can educate their members toward specific viewpoints; what kinds of union activity and achievement are most responsible for a union's internal strength; how criticism of a union by its members is compatible with basic loyalty to a union.

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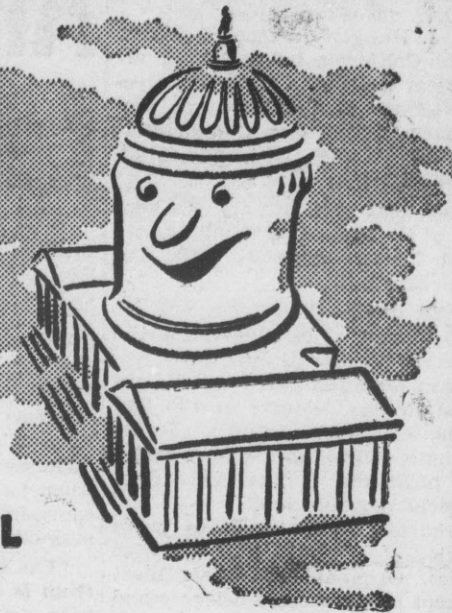
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IBEW VICTORY SPURS DRIVE ON PHONE SYSTEM

Kearny, N. J.—The AFL Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers won a decisive 2 to 1 victory over the CIO in an NLRB representation election among the 12,000 employees of the Western Electric's manufacturing plant here.

IBEW Pres. Dan Tracy said the victory will spur the drive to bring all the nation's telephone workers into the AFL fold. He charged the telephone workers' interests have been neglected by the CIO Communications Workers Union, "which has its roots in company-fostered and dominated organizations."

KEY FACTOR

The Western Electric Co. is a key factor in the telephone industry. Its workers have been represented by the IBEW for three years, despite repeated efforts by the CIO to raid the union.

"The IBEW won on the record of its performance in the interests of Kearny's workers," said Tracy.

"We believe this election marks a turning point in labor-management relations in the telephone industry. We believe that the workers in Western Electric and the telephone companies are ready for a responsible union, a union which has grown up over 60 years with a wide experience in the most effective collective bargaining and worker organization."

WORKERS NEGLECTED

"For too long the basic wage and hour needs of telephone workers have been neglected by the CWA-CIO union which has its roots in company-fostered and dominated organizations. These workers deserve to have the stability and assurance of effective representation which can be offered in the telephone industry by the IBEW-AFL."

"We invite all telephone workers to join in this campaign to unify them all in the IBEW-AFL."

"We propose to step up our campaign in the telephone industry to obtain decent, responsible union representation for operators, white collar workers, and all others so that they may enjoy higher wages and improved working conditions."

"Our goals can easily be afforded by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., one of the wealthiest corporations in America."

No matter how small it is, do something for your union regularly.

Bread & Butter Facts STABILIZATION RULES ARE REALLY TOUGH ON WAGES

By PETER HENLE, Assistant AFL Economist

"The nation's wage program is in the hands of the Wage 'Stimulation' Board which merely approves all the wage increases requested by the unions."

This is the usual comment of many management representatives who enjoy belittling the work of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Other critics argue that WSB policies have helped unions get increases by setting targets for the unions to shoot at in their negotiations. This is the viewpoint expressed by employer members of the Board in their public comments on the Board's pension policy.

HERE ARE THE FACTS

What is the real story? Has wage stabilization served to hold down or to increase the general level of wages?

Union representatives wish it were true that wage stabilization has helped them obtain substantial increases. However, they have very serious doubts. They know, first, that even if WSB policies are realistic, employers are equally realistic, meaning tougher, in this period when their prices are also under some control. Union representatives also know that running the gantlet of wage stabilization applications and regulations is no easy matter.

Figures available covering WSB operations show, of course, that a majority of applications have been approved. This doesn't prove very much, since unions and employers generally try to keep within the well-publicized policies of the Board. However, there is a significant number of cases in which the applications have either been denied or substantially modified.

WAGE PART EFFECTIVE

The net result is a wage stabilization program that has been a lot more effective than its critics are willing to admit. Further evidence on this point was brought out recently by AFL Pres. William Green in his testimony to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee favoring a stronger Defense Production Act.

Information included in Pres. Green's testimony showed that the inflationary effect of the current wage stabilization program is hardly any greater than the comparable effect during the tightest wage controls of the War Labor

Board during World War II.

This conclusion is drawn from a special study prepared by the defense agencies, tracing the increase of hourly earnings (excluding overtime) for factory workers from 1939 to December 1951.

The statistics showed that the monthly rate of increase during much of this period was close to 1 per cent. However, during the period of strict World War II controls, the increase was reduced to .34 per cent a month. During much of the postwar period, the increase has been close to 1 per cent a month, but for the current stabilization period it is only .43 per cent a month.

Cash Dividends For January Up 2% Over 1951

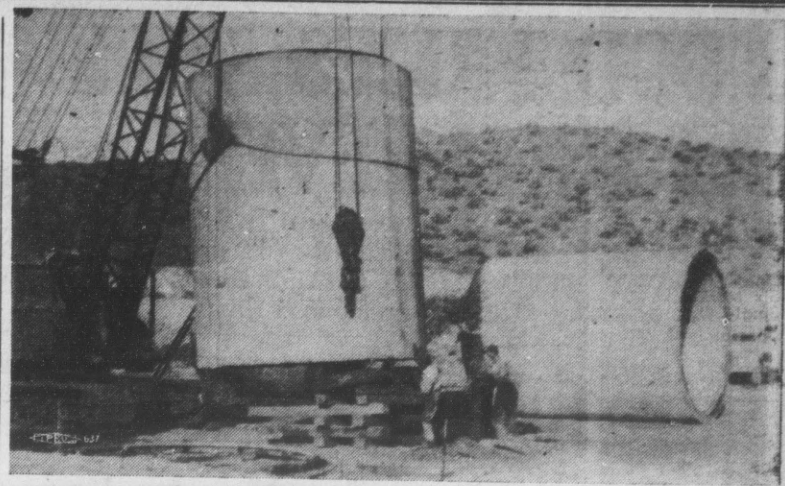
Washington (LPA)—Cash dividends reported paid by corporations in January totalled \$506 million, or 2 per cent above January 1951, when taxes were much lower.

The increase would have been higher, explained Dept. of Commerce officials, except that some industries defer usual first quarter dividends until March, to lower their total taxes.

All but six of the industrial groups increased their dividends, with railroads up in front with a boost of 40 per cent. Communications were next, with a jump of 16 per cent. Chemicals dropped 46 per cent, and trade industries 12 per cent.

The annual rate of personal income in January was \$1 billion below December. While wages and salaries paid out by the Government increased slightly, payments in private industry showed no gain over December.

Despite gloomy statements of heavy taxes "stifling incentive," annual reports showed that capital expenditures by corporations in 1952 will top 1951.



RIVER UNDER A RIVER.—These are sections of a huge pipe that will carry a siphon line under the Kern River for Kernville Edison Co. The hunks, manhandled by AFL Operating Engineers, weigh 42 tons and have about 22 yards of concrete, plus reinforced steel.

Two Million Jobs

New construction will require an average of about two million full-time construction workers a month this year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates.

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Largest U.S. Industry

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Policemen's Union Is Welcomed in East St. Louis

East St. Louis, Ill. (LPA)—Members of the City Council here have posted a notice welcoming forming of a policemen's union, and declaring there will be no opposition from the city. The notice was signed by Russell T. Beebe, police commissioner.

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FOOD PRICES STILL AT HIGH LEVELS

(State Fed. Release)

Retail food prices dipped slightly (0.2 per cent) between February 15 and February 25, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced this week.

Decreases in prices of eggs, meats, poultry, and fish, and fats and oils offset increases for other food groups.

Based on the results of a survey of eight cities, the Bureau estimates the Retail Food Price Index for February 25 to be 227.0 (1935-39=100). This is 1.4 per cent below January 28, 1952, 2.3 per cent below January 15, 1952, and 11.8 per cent above June 15, 1950 (pre-Korea).

Egg prices, which decreased 3.7 per cent, were at approximately the level of July, 1950.

Meats, poultry, and fish declined 0.7 per cent during the latter half of February. The decline was general, with lamb, poultry, beef, and veal down about 1 per cent, and fish down fractionally.

Fats and oils dropped 0.7 per cent, continuing the decline started in May 1951.

Fruits and vegetables rose 0.5 per cent. Fresh fruits and vegetables increased 0.8 per cent, with all items higher except cabbage (-17 per cent) and carrots (-10 per cent). Largest increases were for tomatoes (8 per cent), lettuce (4 per cent), and green beans (3 per cent).

Dairy products averaged 0.3 per cent higher in the latter half of February because of a 2 per cent increase in butter prices. Price increases of 0.1 per cent were reported for cereals and bakery products, beverages, and sugar and sweets.

The latest BLS statistics on food prices came just one week after AFL President William Green warned Congress that labor would not approve a one-sided policy which condones high prices and refuses to permit adequate wage increases. Early in 1951 the AFL urged the Office of Price Stabilization to roll back prices 10 per cent to restore the not extravagant purchasing power of mid-1950. The OPS ignored the AFL request, and

actually fixed ceilings for many articles much higher than the prevailing prices.

Dan Murphy, Once State Fed. Pres., Dies at Age 70

(State Fed. Release)

Daniel C. Murphy, sheriff of San Francisco for the past 16 years and a former president of the California State Federation of Labor, died March 18 following an illness of three months. He was 70.

Murphy served as president of the state AFL organization from 1916 to 1921.

During his long career in the labor movement, Sheriff Murphy was at various times president of the Web Pressmen's Union of San Francisco, president of the San Francisco Allied Printing Trades Council, and president of the San Francisco Labor Council.

He was a member of the State Senate from 1923 to 1930, representing San Francisco in the upper house of the Legislature.

He was also a former president of both the San Francisco Board of Education and the State Board of Education. In 1938 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the governorship of California.

Murphy was elected sheriff of San Francisco in 1935 and had been re-elected at four-year intervals, winning his last election in the city balloting of 1951.

In Great Britain the total working population in November 1951 was 23,480,000. Of this number 22,324 were in civil employment, 853,000 in the armed forces, and 6,000 on release leave from the armed forces who had not yet taken up employment.

Unions Must File for LLPE

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week reminded affiliated unions that pre-primary convention credentials should be filed with the state league office at once.

The 1952 pre-primary convention of the state LLPE will be held April 7-8 in California Hall, San Francisco.

Main order of business will be endorsement of candidates for the primary election of June 3.

Each affiliated union will be entitled to one delegate at the San Francisco convention. Voting strength will be based on per capita tax payments to the AFL state political organization.

Credentials in duplicate were previously issued all affiliated bodies. Original credentials must be kept by the elected delegate and the duplicate copy forwarded to the office of the California Labor League for Political Education, 810 David Hewes Building, 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3.

Chance to Reply Denied to Union; NLRB Voids Election

Louisville, Ky. (LPA)—The more than 500 employees of the Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Co. here will have another chance to vote on whether they want the AFL Auto Workers to represent them. The reason: The boss made an anti-union speech on company time and property the morning of a previous election, and refused the union a chance to reply.

A panel of the National Labor Relations Board, on March 13, set aside the Sept. 13, 1951 election, in which the vote was: for the union, 131; against, 351; challenged, 31.

Valley Baseball Schedule Ready

Salinas Valley Baseball League schedule was announced last week by Jimmie Butler, league commissioner and secretary of Barbers Union 827. Butler pointed out that union members are playing on each of the five teams and that others attend games. The schedule includes:

April 6—Soledad at Gonzales, King City at Greenfield, Salinas Moose, bye. April 13—Salinas at K.C., Greenfield at Soledad, Gonzales, bye. April 20—K.C. at Gonzales, Greenfield at Salinas. Soledad, bye. April 27—Salinas at Soledad, Gonzales at Greenfield, K.C., bye.

May 4—Soledad at K.C., Gonzales at Salinas, Greenfield, bye. May 11—Gonzales at Soledad, Greenfield at K.C., Salinas, bye. May 18—K.C. at Salinas, Soledad at Greenfield, Gonzales, bye. May 25—Gonzales at K.C., Salinas at Greenfield, Soledad bye. June 1—Soledad at Salinas, Greenfield at Gonzales, K.C. bye. June 8—K.C. at Soledad, Salinas at Gonzales, Greenfield bye. June 15—K.C. at Greenfield, Soledad at Gonzales, Salinas bye. June 29—Gonzales at Salinas, Greenfield at Soledad, K.C. bye.

July 6—Soledad at K.C., Salinas at Greenfield, Gonzales, bye. July 13—K.C. at Salinas, Greenfield at Gonzales, Soledad, bye; July 20—Salinas at Soledad, Gonzales at K.C., Greenfield, bye. July 27—Greenfield at K.C., Gonzales at Soledad, Salinas, bye. Aug. 3—Soledad at Greenfield, Salinas at Gonzales, K.C., bye. Aug. 10—Greenfield at Salinas, K.C. at Soledad, Gonzales, bye. Aug. 17—Salinas at K.C., Gonzales at Greenfield, Soledad, bye. Aug. 24—K.C. at Gonzales, Soledad at Salinas, Greenfield, bye.

January coal output in the West Midlands in Britain was 1,443,376 tons—more than 30,000 above last year.

Great Wealth in All-Out War on Labor—MacGowan

All of America's "great concentrations of wealth" have unleashed outright war against labor! That charge highlighted a stirring address delivered by President Charles J. MacGowan of the Boilermakers at a Chicago conference of general chairmen of the seven shopcraft unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. Railway Employees' Department.

MacGowan, one of the nation's foremost labor leaders and a great fighter, brought the chairmen to their feet with a roar of approval when he denounced the anti-union campaign launched by Big Business interests.

"The only thing that has stopped them is that the White House has been on guard," said the Boilermakers' chieftain.

He declared that while he has not favored everything done by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, still if a Taft had been in the White House the attack on

labor would have been complete. FLAYS TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

"The full impact of the Taft-Hartley Act has not hit the labor movement, and it won't until we have breadlines at the factory gates," MacGowan added.

He warned that while all provisions of that act are not applicable to railway labor, its passage is part of a general campaign which will ultimately affect all labor, including the rail unions.

The 80th Congress, wholly controlled by the reactionaries, "whittled down" functions of the Labor Dept. and provisions of the Social Security Act, and acted adversely on other matters vitally affecting the welfare of all of the working people, he recalled.

"What do you think another '80th Congress' would do to the Railway Labor Act, the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Acts, and to Emergency Boards?" he asked.

The present anti-labor drive has "catapulted the entire labor movement into politics, whether we like it or not," MacGowan asserted.

CITES BIG SPENDING

Senator Taft's forces have admitted spending \$2 million in Ohio on his re-election, and there are estimates that as high as \$5 million was spent, he continued.

"Certainly a union member can afford to spend a dollar on political action," he said, adding that "three things are needed—dollars, votes, and work, particularly at the precinct level."

"We can't take this lying down," he declared. "We've got to stand up and battle for everything we hold dear. If we do that, we can prevent a revival of a 'Harding administration' and an '80th Congress.'"

Pres. Michael Fox of the Railway Employees Dept. asserted that "we cannot make progress and take an indifferent attitude toward political action."

He viewed the railroads' attack on the union shop as an "attack on all labor." Propaganda against the union shop for railmen has been "poured by the ton into the railroad industry," he stated, charging that the "reactionary forces on the railroads have joined with the reactionaries in other industries to destroy our unions." He added that similar tactics were used in Germany, where the labor movement, one of the strongest in the world, was wiped out.

Eli L. Oliver, economist who represented the unions at the Emergency Board hearings, lashed out at the fight against the union shop which the "owners of American industry are conducting."

WSB Approves 19c Hike for 36,000 Midwest Temos

Washington (LPA)—The Wage Stabilization Board has approved a 19c wage boost for 36,000 AFL Teamsters in the over-the-road trucking industry.

The Board approved a contract between the Central States Area Employers Assn. and the Teamsters' Central States Drivers Council calling also for six paid holidays, a \$1 per week increase in the cost of extended health and welfare benefits, and a number of fringe benefits. The contract applies to only 3,000 but usually sets the pattern for the industry.

The holidays were approved because they are area practice. The states covered comprise Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

At the request of the union and the association, the Board extended application of the terms to all employer signatories of the previous agreement and to other employers who observe it and operate under it, except in Ohio, which previously had not been part of the central states area. The Ohio unions and employers will submit a supplementary petition.

IBEW Wins Plant At Kearny, N.J., 6,221 to 3,142

Kearny, N.J. (LPA)—The AFL Electrical Workers won a National Labor Relations Board representation election March 12 at the Western Electric Co. plant here. With 10,400 eligible, the vote was: IBEW, 6221; CIO Communications Workers, 3243.

D. W. Tracy, IBEW president, declared "this election marks a turning point in the history of labor-management relations in the telephone industry. We believe the workers in Western Electric and the telephone companies are ready for a responsible union, a union which has grown up over 60 years with a wide experience in the most effective collective bargaining and worker representation."

Tracy added that the Kearny vote "has brought an upsurge of enthusiasm from telephone workers everywhere for the nation-wide organizing campaign begun by the IBEW-AFL 60 days ago."

The British Post Office has announced that about 12,558,000 broadcasting receiving licenses, including 1,283,000 for television, were current in Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the end of January 1952.

7th Win Over Bridges in Valley

(State Fed. Release)

AFL forces in Stockton scored a better than two-to-one victory last week over the dissension-packed Bridges-Goldblatt warehouse union when the Pencil Material Workers Local 20298, whipped ILWU-6 by a 95 to 35 margin in an NLRB bargaining election at the California Cedar Products Company.

John J. Sweeney, western state AFL director, conducted the election campaign for the Pencil Material Workers, a federal union.

The triumph marked the seventh straight AFL win over the ILWU in the San Joaquin Valley. The final tally showed AFL 95, ILWU 35, No Union 4, and 8 votes challenged by the AFL union.

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BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Wilford L. Ward, Del Monte, phone 2-0924. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 18—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Ake.

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PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St., Pres., Kenneth C. Olsen, phone 5-5880; Sec., Michael Cohen, 1143 First St., phone 27783; Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Bueno, phone 2-1703, office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec. and B. A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday at Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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Shell Joins Billionaires

New York (LPA)—Shell Oil Co. has broken into the billion dollar club. Sales came to \$1,072,433,548 in 1951. Net profit (after all taxes) was \$97,020,194, equal to a return of 9 per cent, against \$94,185,726 in 1950. Sales in 1950 were \$915,329,055.

Shell Oil chalked up this record despite an increase in total taxes of more than 100 per cent. Its excess profits taxes jumped about 400 per cent. Corporation taxes in 1950 were \$45,641,000 and excess profits taxes \$21,500,000. Skelly Oil also did well, its net profits jumping from \$28,514,086 to \$31,074,985.

Sales by duPont hit a new high of \$1 1/2 billion in 1951, an increase of 18 per cent over 1950, and 300 per cent over average World War II sales. Higher taxes and a drop in dividends from the duPont subsidiary, General Motors, cut net profits by 28 per cent. Dividends from GM dropped from \$120 million to \$80 million.

General Telephone Corp. earnings leaped 34 per cent, from \$4,135,727 to \$5,528,812.

ACTORS, \$70 PER DAY

In Hollywood, the highest paid union members in the world got another wage increase as the result of a new contract won by the AFL Screen Actors Guild. The agreement brought the minimum pay for movie actors, singers, and stunt men up to \$70 per day.

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CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Donald Halcumb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Roy E. Brayton, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Pilliar, 323 1/2 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416.

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DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Alvin L. Esser, 915 W. Laurel Drive, phone 23273; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 160 El Camino Real So., phone 24225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office 117 Pajaro Street, phone 22886.

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PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 54 Oregon, phone 2-3992; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1323 Garner Ave., phone 2-6240. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, home, 417 Lincoln; office, 117 Pajaro, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Weds., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B. A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565; office, Labor Temple, phone 6777.

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PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months. Pres., Olaf N. Olson; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and B. A., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Rm. 1, phone 4938.

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20816—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., J. Linden; Sec.-B. A., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064.

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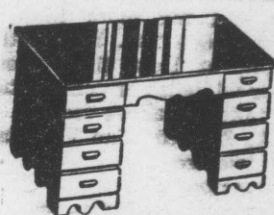
AFL-IBEW WINS PG&E NLRB VOTE

AFL Electrical Workers won the right to bargain for some 12,000 employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in a recently-conducted NLRB election, it was announced this week.

The AFL's jurisdiction had been challenged by the CIO Utility Workers Union, which had represented most of the employees prior to an election held in 1950.

NLRB results of the March 19 balloting showed 5072 workers in favor of the AFL, 3158 for the CIO, and 156 for no union.

A separate election was held among 3020 PG&E clerical workers, but results were inconclusive, and NLRB said a run-off election must be held to decide the issue.



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Labor News

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1952

Give Angling Regulations

(Effective March 1, 1952)

TROUT

(Excluding winter steelhead trout.)

Seasons: May 30 to October 31 in Tuolumne, Alpine, Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado (except Lake Tahoe), Placer (except Lake Tahoe), Nevada (except Donner Lake and Boca Reservoir), Sierra, Plumas (except Lake Almanor and Butte Lake), Lassen, Del Norte, Modoc, and in waters tributary to the Pacific Ocean on coast of Humboldt County.

May 3 to October 31 in balance of State, including Tahoe, Boca, Donner, Almanor, Butte, Pillsbury lakes and Stone, Big, Freshwater, and Clam Beach lagoons in Humboldt County.

No closed season in Colorado River Area.

Bag Limits: 15 trout, salmon or Rocky Mountain whitefish or combination, but not more than 10 pounds and one fish. Irrespective of weight, at least three trout, salmon or whitefish or combination may be taken in above seasons.

In Lake Merced (San Francisco County) two trout.

OCEAN SALMON

Seasons: February 15 to November 15 in ocean waters south of Tomales Point. No closed season in other Pacific Ocean waters or bays except those in Sacramento-San Joaquin rivers east of Carquinez Bridge.

Bag Limits: Three trout or salmon or combination, except in Pacific Ocean waters south of the Monterey-San Luis Obispo county line, where limit is two fish.

Size Limit: 22 inches in all ocean waters. Possession of one undersized fish is permitted.

WARMWATER FISHES

Seasons: May 3 to February 28 in all counties north of Mono, Madera, Fresno, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. No closed season elsewhere or in Clear Lake or in the following reservoirs: Exchequer, Don Pedro, Melones, Shasta, Salt Springs, Hogan, East Park, Stony Gorge, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale, Coyote and Anderson.

Bag Limits: Five black bass; 25 Sacramento perch, crappie, Calico bass, sunfish.

CATFISH

Season: No closed season.

Bag Limit: 15 fish, regardless of size. Nine-inch minimum size limit in Clear Lake, Lake County, only.

Night fishing permitted in Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Tehama, Lake,

Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter and Inyo counties, and in Pit River, Lassen County.

STRIPED BASS

Season: No closed season.

Bag Limit: Five fish or 25 pounds and one fish. Irrespective of maximum weight, at least two striped bass may be taken and possessed.

Size Limit: 12 inches minimum.

OCEAN FISH

Season: No closed season, except for salmon, grunion, shellfish.

Bag Limits: 15 in the aggregate of the species listed below, but not more than 10 fish of any one of the following species: bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack, yellowtail, albacore, barracuda, white sea bass, bonito, rock bass, sand bass, kelp bass, California halibut, California corbina, yellowfin croaker, spotfin croaker, lingcod, and cabezone; nor more than two fish of each of the following species: marlin, broadbill swordfish, and black sea bass.

Size Limits: No more than five white sea bass, five barracuda, or five yellowtail under 28 inches; no more than five halibut under four pounds; no more than one salmon under 22 inches.

CLAMS

Seasons: September 1 to April 30 in Districts 8, 9, 17, and 19. No closed season elsewhere.

Bag Limits: 30 razor, 10 big neck, 10 Washington, no limit jack knife.

PISMO CLAMS

Seasons: September 1 to April 30 in Districts 15, 16, 17 and 19. No closed season elsewhere.

Bag Limit: 10 per day. Five-inch minimum size limit.

COCKLES

Seasons: September 1 to April 30 in all counties north of San Luis Obispo County; no closed season elsewhere.

Bag Limit: 50 cockles. Minimum size limit: 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

ABALONE

Season: March 16 to January 14.

Bag Limit: Five per day.

Size Limits: No red abalone less than seven inches in diameter; green less than six and one-quarter; pink less than six; black less than five.

Legal-sized abalones must be brought ashore above high water mark attached to the shell and alive. Abalones not in the shell may not be transported, nor possessed, except when being prepared for immediate consumption.

Spears and artificial breathing devices prohibited.

Here's the Dope



Strike Request Is Withdrawn By Culinary 355

Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 withdrew its request for strike sanction against Ray's White Hut and Pete's Diner in Salinas, both disputes having been settled, Union Secretary A. J. Clark announced last week.

Contract was gained with Pete's Diner and misunderstandings were straightened out with Ray's White Hut, Clark said. Support of the central labor council in Salinas had been asked.

Clark said Local 355 has delegated him the right to appoint stewards on all jobs, whenever he deems necessary, to handle union matters.

Isabelle Booker, office secretary of Local 355, was back on the job this week, following a major operation several weeks ago. She said she is showing steady improvement after the operation.

Bay Culinary, Bartenders May Reform Council

Reactivity of the former Monterey Bay Area Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders was being planned this week, following suggestion by Salinas Local 355 that some joint planning might be of benefit to all such unions of the area.

Alfred J. Clark, secretary of Local 355, said he had been informed by Locals 345 in Watsonville and 483 in Monterey that the restoration of monthly meetings under the Council was desirable, and said a meeting would be called very soon.

The Culinary-bartender council was active a few years ago and helped the unions in handling many mutual problems. Changes in officers of unions and other problems caused a temporary discontinuance of activity, however.

Teachers Seek Legislative Aid

Support of all A. F. of L. unions is urged by the California Federation of Teachers on proposed state legislation which would provide funds for construction or improvement of public activities.

Fred Clayton, CFT secretary and secretary also of Monterey County Teachers Union 1020, said that the school aid bill was listed as first by Governor Warren in calling the special legislative session. He urged unions to write senators and assemblymen, calling for action on a bill for school building funds.

AFL Textile Workers Sue Mill for \$100,000

Macon, Ga. (LPA)—The Textile Workers Union, AFL, has sued the Fitzgerald Mills Corp. of Fitzgerald, Ga. for more than \$100,000 damages, charging violation of contract. More than 400 workers are involved.

Joseph Jacobs, Textile Workers' southern director, said the mill failed to pay vacation benefits, a wage increase, refused to abide by an arbitration award, and refused to adjust grievances. The suit is one of the first against a company under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Millions in Fake Fees...

California Doctors Rob Health Plan

A scandal that rocked health plans to the core and focused public attention on the unbelievable deterioration of a profession entrusted with the physical and mental health of the American people hit the front pages in California last week.

California Physicians Service, a health plan which covers about 800,000 Californians, revealed that doctors in one southern California area alone have chiseled CPS out of some \$1,200,000 a year by overcharging or billing it for services never rendered to health plan subscribers.

Citizens who have long paid physical, mental, and financial homage to the medical profession immediately began to wonder how much they have been overcharged—especially those who have been working for years to pay up a huge hospital or doctor bill.

CPS revealed that doctors in California have been charging for operations never performed, for care and attention never given, and for all sorts of imaginary x-ray and laboratory tests. It hopes that publicity will stop the wholesale robbery, but said it is prepared with plenty of evidence to prosecute if the practice continues.

Time Magazine stated that "CPS was shocked to its bone marrow" by the scandal. CPS is held by the medical profession as a "working model argument against state medicine," Time explains.

"Sometimes the doctors billed CPS for operations which were not performed and office calls that were never made," says the Time story. "One chiseler made the crude mistake of sending in a bill for surgery and office calls while the patient was actually in New York. Others got higher fees by raising the category of their work—e.g., charging for a cataract operation instead of merely draining a sty. There was wholesale chiseling by charging for imaginary x-rays and laboratory tests.

"CPS trustees, worried by long-time whispers, had canvassed a large group of patients, and all too often found the whispers justified. Now, in any case where gouging is suspected, the doctor's bill is audited before he gets paid. The trustees hope that, now that the racket has been exposed, the guilty doctors will mend their ways. CPS would prefer not to sue them, but if it has to, it will."

Time didn't add this point, but it seems obvious: If doctors can get away with chiseling on a smart outfit like CPS, gyping dumb patients must be pitifully easy. The doctors usually write illegibly, talk in long medical words, use Latin, and keep the public generally in the dark on health information. This keeps their tight, rich monopoly on health care pretty well sewed up.

In Los Angeles, the doctors' association last week quietly advised its members who drive Cadillacs (a large proportion) not to carry that doctor's emblem on their license plate—gives the public a bad impression.

A BIG RALLY FOR STASSEN—62! (IN HIS OWN COLLEGE)

In Philadelphia, GOP leaders were given a dismaying picture of how attractive the Republican Party is to the youth of today. A rally for presidential candidate Harold Stassen was held in a University of Pennsylvania auditorium. Exactly 62 students attended, while in the lunchroom on a different floor of the same building hundreds sat sipping cokes or drinking coffee. To make the incident even more ironic, Stassen is president of the university. In a straw vote two days later the college men and women rated Stassen fifth in their preferences for President.

Help Aged in Health Cost

Congressional action in 1950, which made 10 million workers eligible for social security benefits, was one of the "greatest advances in social legislation" since the Social Security Act took effect 15 years ago, according to Oscar Ewing, federal security administrator, in his annual report.

Ewing explained that monthly payments were doubled for persons receiving low benefits and were increased 50 per cent for those receiving maximum help.

HELPED GOVERNMENT

The increase in the number of persons on the social security rolls, Ewing said, reduced the public assistance burden of federal and state governments and private charities.

The action two years ago to which he referred was taken by a Congress elected by the liberal vote of 1948. Congress did nothing to expand social security after the conservative vote of 1950.

Ewing again proposed a program to help elderly people on social security rolls meet hospital bills. This would provide up to 60 days hospitalization for retired workers aged 65 and over and their dependents, and for families of those who have died. This could be done, Ewing declared, without any increase in social security payments or drain on the Treasury.

10 AFL Unions Sign Kingsbury Plant

Akron, Ohio.—Ten AFL unions, representing 6000 employees of the American Safety Razor-Kingsbury Corp., operating contractor of the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, signed a two-year agreement for a union shop, a cost-of-living wage formula, an immediate 5c an hour increase, an additional increase of 5c an hour for all employees with five months or more of service, and other major benefits.

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